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1. SUMMARY. JAPAN SUPPORTS US PROPOSAL FOR IEA MEETING AT

MINISTERIAL LEVEL MAY 26. WHILE FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA WANTS TO ATTEND, FINAL DECISION ON WHO WILL REPRESENT JAPAN CANNOT BE MADE UNTIL STATUS OF DIET CONSIDERATION OF IMPORTANT LEGISLATION ON OR AROUND MAY 26 BECOMES CLEAR. EMBASSY HOPES SOME TIME CAN BE KEPT FREE ON SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE FOR BILATERAL MEETING WITH GOJ MINISTERIAL REP. END SUMMARY.

2. MIYAZAKI, DG ECON AFFAIRS FONOFF, TOLD E/C MIN MARCH 11 JAPANESE MISSION TO OECD HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT US PROPOSAL. HE SAID GOJ REP TO MARCH 6-7 IEA/GB HAD AUTHORITY TO AGREE AT THAT MEETING IF US PROPOSAL HAD BEEN PUSHED FOR DECISION. MIYAZAKI SAID GOJ HAD BEEN RELUCTANT TO VOLUNTEER ITS SUPPORT MARCH 6-7 BECAUSE OF INABILITY TO GIVE FLAT COMMITMENT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER COULD ATTEND OR TO SPECIFY WHO WOULD REPRESENT JAPAN IF MIYAZAWA UNABLE LEAVE TOKYO. THAT IS STILL THE CASE TODAY AND WILL REMAIN SO UNTIL STATUS OF DIET CONSIDERATION OF MAJOR LEGISLATION BECOMES CLEARER. FOREIGN MINISTER COULD NOT LEAVE TOKYO IF EITHER NPT OR JAPAN-PRC TREATY ARE AT CRUCIAL STAGE AROUND MAY 26. DEPUTY PM AND EPA HEAD FUKUDA (NEXT LOGICAL CHOICE IF FONMIN UNAVAILABLE) COULD NOT LEAVE TOKYO IF DEBATE AND/OR LEGISLATION ON DOMESTIC ECONOMIC POLICY RECEIVING PRIORITY ATTENTION IN DIET. MITI MINISTER KOMOTO COULD NOT LEAVE IF ANTI-MONOPOLY LAW IS ON FRONT BURNER THAT WEEK. MIYAZAKI SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE GOJ MIGHT HAVE TO DESIGNATE A SPECIAL MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVE IF FONMIN, DEPUTY PM AND MITI MINISTER WERE ALL UNAVAILABLE. POSSIBLE CHOICE IN THAT EVENT MIGHT BE FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER (AND CURRENT DIET MEMBER) KIMURA.

3. MIYAZAKI SAID FOREIGN MINISTER WANTS TO ATTEND BOTH IEA AND OECD MINISTERIALS AND PARTICULARLY HOPES SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE WOULD PERMIT A PRIVATE MEETING. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE RECOMMEND SOME TIME BE BLOCKED OUT ON SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE FOR SUCH A MEETING IF EITHER MIYAZAWA OR FUKUDA IS GOJ REP. IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE BUT NOT ESSENTIAL DO SAME IF MITI MINISTER KOMOTO IS DESIGNATED. IF KIMURA DESIGNATED AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, CONFIDENTIAL

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SECRETARY MIGHT WISH MEET BRIEFLY AS GESTURE TO IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN AND RECOGNITION THEIR ACQUAINTANCE DURING PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO JAPAN WHEN HE WAS FONMIN. HODGSON

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